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MONEY FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

EIGHT MILL TAX VOTED TO KEEP SCHOOLS GOING DURING YEAR.

OUT-DOOR GYMNASIUM ORDERED

Detailed Estimate of Probable Expense is Submitted by District Board.

At a largely attended meeting of taxpayers of this district last Monday night, a levy of 8 mills was voted for school purposes for the ensuing year. The Auditorium was well filled with interested people, and the directors had prepared a complete financial statement of the condition of the district, which was all written out on the blackboard. Chairman Ross of the board, called the meeting to order, and Director Hatten then explained the figures on the board making recommendations for at least an 8 mill tax. After considerable discussion a motion was made that a levy of 10 mills be made. An other proposition of 6 mills was made and then a third proposition of 8 mills was made. A vote was taken resulting in the three propositions being evenly divided and it having been agreed before taking the vote that a majority would be necessary for choice, another vote was taken resulting in a large majority for the 8 mill levy.

After this was decided the directors asked the meeting for an expression as to the building of an outdoor gymnasium on the school grounds. After some discussion a motion was made that it be the sense of the meeting that the directors proceed with the erection of a gymnasium to be 60x80 feet which was carried by a large vote.

Other matters were taken up and discussed, but no action taken. It is estimated that the 8 mill levy will pay the running expenses of the schools, and, with the state money there will be some cash left with which to pay off indebtedness caused by the extremely low levy of last year.

FIREMEN WIN REWARD

Owners of Burned Vessel Send Check for \$25.00.

Appreciation Shown for Valuable Services Rendered at Fire.

At the time the Santa Catalina burned in the river near Columbia City, the fire alarm was sounded in St. Helens, and the Fire Co. here responded in launches and autos, and rendered valuable aid in getting the crew off the burning boat. The boys were put to some expense in attending the fire and the W. R. Grace Co. owners of the boat, appreciated the work and efforts of the firemen to such an extent that a check for \$25 was received this week by Chief Allen to pay the expenses. The boys feel that their work was appreciated and they in turn appreciate the spirit of the Grace Co. for repaying to them an amount sufficient to cover their expenses.

PRAISES CLEAN PAPER.

Moral Rebirth of America Due to Them, Says E. W. Peck.

Clean newspapers are more and more becoming one of the greatest factors in the moral rebirth of the young men and young women of America, according to Edward W. Peck, state secretary of the Minnesota Y. M. C. A., at Minneapolis, who spoke before the recent international purity congress at Kansas City, Mo. "There is a kind of psychological mysticism about the other kind—yellow journalism," he said. "The editors of such papers apparently believe their readers prefer dirt to diamonds. They cater to the tastes of the low brow and feed the brainless mind."

RIDGEFIELD FARMER FOULLY MURDERED

While Setting By Fireside is Shot Through the Head.

On last Friday night the town of Ridgefield, Wash., was thrown into great excitement when it was learned that one of the highly respected citizen farmers of that community, Mr. Otto Ludke, had been foully murdered by an unknown assassin. Mr. and Mrs. Ludke had started to a party to be held at one of the neighbors, and had stopped on the way to await some other neighbors to accompany them. Going into the house, Mr. and Mrs. Ludke were seated near the stove in a room in which there was a window. Suddenly a shot was fired through the window, striking Mr. Ludke in the head, killing him instantly. The charge was of chopped up shot, and some of the stray pieces of lead also struck Mrs. Ludke, but she escaped serious injury.

Mr. Ludke was a prominent farmer and a highly respected citizen. So far as known there were no old feuds, nor any known reason for the cowardly murder. As yet the affair is a deep mystery. Mr. Ludke leaves a wife and eight children. Funeral services were held at Ridgefield last Sunday.

DELTA GARDENS ARE PRODUCTIVE

1600 Tons of Potatoes and 8000 Sacks of Onions This Year.

4000 ACRES RECLAIMED.

Mr. Magruder Realizing Benefits From Gigantic Undertaking.

The delta garden tracts of Clatskanie this year have yielded a prolific crop, and when the whole tract is under a prime state of cultivation the production will be enormous. Captain Deggerstedt, of the steamer Beaver, which operates out of Clatskanie River, is authority for the statement that 1600 tons of potatoes were produced there this year. Eight thousand sacks of onions were also harvested from the tract this season. The entire tract consists of about 4000 acres, and the work of reclamation is going steadily onward. The Columbia Agricultural Company, owners of the tract, are carrying forward a commendable undertaking, and one that should yield them handsome returns. It is a strange circumstance that the owners of this tract of land are gentlemen who have made their wealth out of timber, and instead of using their profits to put their logged-over areas into a state of cultivation, they have directed their energies and wealth to the reclamation of the silt-made shores of the Columbia. Manager R. B. Magruder, when he conceived the idea of reclaiming this area and brought his plans into practical working operation undertook a stupendous work, and it seems certain that time will prove that he has really built wiser than he knew. The information is given out that the owners of the creamery on this tract are planning the installation of a cheese factory, to be operated in connection with their other dairying interests.

STANWOOD APPOINTS BROWN AS DEPUTY

Well Known Yankton Farmer Will be Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff-elect Stanwood has announced that he has appointed Charles Brown, of Yankton, as deputy sheriff to serve with him during the next two years. Mr. Brown is a well known young man of Yankton and has lived in the county ever since he was about 3 years old. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, of Yankton, and has been engaged in farming and logging all his life, except the time he was attending school. He is well qualified for the position and his many friends are congratulating him on his appointment.

Miss Anna Quick has been busy the past week taking school census for District No. 2. The work will be completed next week.

HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY BEING SECURED

Efforts Being Made to Secure Right to Build Road on West Side of Railroad.

COURT EXPECTS STATE AID FOR HARD SURFACING

Intention is to Build Road From Multnomah County Line to Honeyman as Soon as Possible—Other Work to Follow Quickly.

For some time past Mr. Richmond, the right of way agent of the State Highway Commission, has been working along the line of the Columbia Highway Survey between Honeyman and the Multnomah County line in an effort to secure the rights of way for the road along the west side of the railroad track. So far he has secured some promises and with other people he has been flatly refused, so it will probably take some litigation before rights of way are fully secured.

In talking over the situation today Judge Clark says it is the intention to get the rights of way in that vicinity as soon as possible and to construct the road from Scappoose to Honeyman the first thing in order to get the state aid for hard

surfacing, as he has been informed that there will soon be money available for this purpose. Then as soon as the right of way is secured from Honeyman to Multnomah County the work of getting the rights of way from Warren to Deer Island on the west side of the track will be taken up and the work of building that road will then be rushed to completion as fast as possible so that when the State Commission starts on its hard surfacing movement it can continue right down the line along the survey of the State Highway Engineer. This is only a plan so far and in case there are changes the plans of the court will be changed accordingly, but if things relating to road matters and state aid go on as planned, this will be the program of the County Court.

POOR FOLKS HAVE FUN

Unusual Fines Imposed by Cruel Judges.

But Billy Fullerton Buries Troubles With His Clam Chowder.

On Friday night the Poverty Social of the Christian Endeavor Society, of the Congregational church, which was held in the I. O. O. F. Hall, was a huge success. About 8 o'clock all the poverty and rags of St. Helens and vicinity was gathered under one roof and presented a most sorry spectacle. From appearances there is certainly considerable work for the "Mutts and Jeffs" and other kindred organizations to do in this vicinity. As the guests arrived in the rags and tags, Mrs. L. C. Chase and Wash Muckle scrutinized each one carefully, and for each article of good clothing or jewelry or finery of any kind, a small fine was imposed. To see those rag-a-muffs go down in their pockets and dig up money from the old clothes with which to pay the fines, was almost incredible, and, strange as it may seem, there were no fines imposed on persons who did not have the price. So there were no imprisonments resulting from a failure to pay the fines.

After all the fines were paid a splendid program was rendered as follows: Reading, Miss Ethel Sten; Vocal Solo, Mrs. D. Walter Williams; and she responded to a most hearty encore; Reading, Miss Dorothy John; The Dixie singers, consisting of Mrs. John Pringle, Knute Bjorkman, Sidney Malhewish and George Pringle, sang some good songs. Then came the grand march to decide who were the most pitiful, poverty stricken individuals in the hall, but modesty forbids the naming of the poor fellows. However, there were several folks lined up and presented each with a stick of candy. During all this time the odors from the dining room caused a suspicion that Billy Fullerton was busy with his famous gasoline stove and his mixtures of clams, bacon, potatoes, salt, pepper and other things, which go to make up his wonderful clam chowder, and in this suspicion there was no mistake, for he was there with the best article of the kind that is possible to produce. Needless to say everybody enjoyed that part of the program. A neat sum was realized by the society and the entertainment was surely worth the price.

County School Superintendent J. W. Allen has just finished his task of forwarding to the several school districts in the county the library books for the year. There were a large number of books distributed in the county this year.

BUD HAS EASY TIME

Portland Boy no Match for Vancouver Fighter.

Boxing Bout Rather Tame and One-sided Affair.

Three boxing bouts were staged in the City Hall last night under the auspices of the St. Helens Athletic Club. The Undine brought down about 50 fans from Portland, and perhaps an equal number of St. Helens people attended. The first affair was a four-round go between a couple of young fellows from Portland, but the exhibition was rather tame, although one of the boys was knocked down during the third round. For the second attraction Dick Wayne and Joe Hill met in a six-round go, which was fairly good. Wayne seemed to have considerably more weight than Hill, but the first round was in favor of Hill. From that time on Wayne had all the better of the argument. There was no decision. The main attraction was between Bud Anderson, of Vancouver, and Bobbie Evans, of Portland. From the time the boys stepped into the ring it was evident that the match was a cry onesided affair, and Bud had things pretty much his own way. He hit as often and as hard as he pleased, while the other fellow had no chance, although he proved to be a game little lad, and landed a few punches which caused his friends to cheer quite loudly. The bout went six rounds, but it was evident that Bud could have shortened the distance considerably, had he been so disposed. After the first round it developed quite largely into a hugging match; with Evans continually trying to get his arms around Bud in an apparent endeavor to keep from being hit. There was no decision in this bout either, but it did not take a referee's decision to notify the crowd who was the winner from every angle.

JACK McKIE BIDS ON WATER SYSTEM

Jack McKie, of St. Helens, returned last Saturday from Eugene, where his company has been engaged for the past three months in the installation of four miles of pipe line and the mains throughout the city for a gravity water system. Mr. McKie says the work is not yet quite complete, having been discontinued owing to inclement weather. The system will be completed in the early part of next year. Mr. McKie's company has placed a bid for the construction of a 22-mile pipe line for a gravity water system for Oregon City. The bids will be opened early next month.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS BRISK THIS WEEK

Several Vessels Take St. Helens Lumber to California.

The steamer Multnomah sailed from St. Helens Sunday night carrying one million feet of lumber and piling and 47 passengers, San Francisco being her destination.

The steamer J. B. Stetson is loading at the docks of the Mill Company and will leave down Saturday night bound for San Pedro. She will carry her usual full load of passengers.

The steamer Willamette, Capt. Reiner, took a full cargo of lumber from St. Helens and left out Thursday night bound for San Pedro and Redondo. She also carried 47 passengers.

The steamer Klamath arrived in the river Thanksgiving day and proceeded to Portland to discharge her up cargo. She will then return to St. Helens and load lumber for Southern California delivery.

The steamer Yosemite arrived in port Thanksgiving day, and after taking on a partial cargo, left for lower river points where she will complete her cargo and sail for San Pedro Saturday night.

The steamer Cellio sailed Monday night for San Pedro and San Diego. Among her passengers were Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Depain, who go to Southern California for a fortnights sojourn. They took their automobile along and will go overland from San Diego to San Francisco.

VERY TIMELY SUGGESTION MADE

St. Helens Citizen Urges Organization of "Mutts."

PLANS CHARITY WORK.

Poor Families and Children Could be Made to Enjoy Christmas.

To the Editor:— I have noticed in the Portland papers the good work being done by "The Order of Mutts" in assisting worthy unfortunates, and in providing for families who are in need. This strikes me as being the best way to practice charity and lend a helping hand to your less fortunate neighbor or brother, and it appears to me that there are enough "good fellows" in St. Helens to organize the St. Helens branch of "Mutts," so that many needy families, and many little tots who are expecting visits from old Santa may not be disappointed. With this idea in view, I would suggest the following plan of organization: That each "good fellow" who wishes to help his fellow man and bring a little cheer into the many homes that need cheer, sign the coupon below, and mail to the Editor of the Mist. After you have the names of those who wish to join the "Mutt" society, you notify them to meet at your office at a certain date and hour and then formulate plans for the carrying on of this work. There are many needy families in St. Helens and vicinity and a little concentrated effort on the part of the "good fellows" here will bring rays of comfort and cheer to them. Let's see how many there are in St. Helens who want to join the "Mutts." Sign the below coupon and mail to the editor of the Mist.

"A Would Be "Mutt."

To the Mist:— I wish to join the "St. Helens Mutts" and do my share of any work outlined.

Name

YOUTH GETS 90 DAY SENTENCE

For Stealing Shot-gun Judge Gives the Limit

Deputy Sheriff Fowler, of Rainier, came up today having in custody a young man named Charles Burchett who had been sentenced to serve three months in the county jail for petty larceny. The young man is charged with having stolen a shot gun and was convicted in Justice Doan's Court at Rainier. He was taken to Portland today by Sheriff John and placed in the Multnomah County jail to serve his sentence.

INDUSTRY BRINGS ITS DUE REWARD

PLENTIFUL AND REMUNERATIVE HARVEST IS GARNERED.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Cultivated Area of Farm is Gradually Enlarged—Dairying Made the Feature.

Jacob Hammar, of Deer Island, one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists in Columbia County, has this year added new laurels to his fame. Several years ago Mr. Hammar closed his little shoe cobbling shop in the metropolis and removed with his family to the Stevens place, near Warren where he made a splendid success of farming, a calling, with which, at that time, he was wholly unfamiliar. Encouraged by his accomplishments, he determined to acquire a tract of land and enter extensively upon the pursuits of agriculture. Accordingly he purchased the Bumgardner farm, about a mile west of Deer Island, where his industry and thrift are rewarding him with financial success. Mr. Hammar has gradually added to the cultivated area of the place, and in addition to the agricultural features, has a herd of eighteen dairy cows, which are returning a handsome monthly reward to their owner. This fall Mr. Hammar has erected a modern barn on his place, which cost approximately \$4,000, and contains all the modern features of such an accessory to a well regulated farm and dairy. The milk which Mr. Hammar ships each day to the city is pasteurized and guaranteed, and brings the highest market price. The Hammar place has this year produced another crop, the harvest of which was only recently completed. This is approximately four thousand sacks of potatoes, raised on high land, and are of a superior quality. Mr. Hammar is a very unassuming gentleman, and does not feel that he has accomplished a great deal, but his example in the community is one that could be emulated anywhere with a great deal of individual profit and community glory.

COUNTY IS IN DEBT

Report of State Auditor Gives Financial Standing.

These Figures Inclusive of Bond Funds, Make Good Showing.

In a report sent out by the Auditing Department of the Secretary of State, it is shown that Columbia County has a deficit of more than \$95,000. These figures are arrived at by taking all the cash on hand in the various funds, including the road bonds, and then taking outstanding warrants and bonds. The figures are up to the first of October, and considering the large bond issue of \$360,000 this is a very good showing. Since that time however, a great portion of the bond money and considerable of the other funds have been paid out and also a considerable amount of warrants issued for which there are no funds on hand to pay.

WARREN'S BIG SPUD.

J. S. Bacon Raises a Potato Weighing Over Four Pounds.

J. S. Bacon, of Warren, has distinguished that locality by producing a potato this year which weighed three pounds and 14½ ounces. This tuber is 17 inches in length. When the potato was first taken from the ground it weighed four and one-half pounds. It is of the American Wonder variety.

Thanks for the ducks.